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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-313358, which was published on November 9, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 2 and 3 of the specification;

An article by CHEN et al., entitled "RSVP Mobility Support: A Signalling Protocol for Integrated Services Internet with Mobile Hosts," published in IEEE INFOCOM 2000, pp. 1283-1292. Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 2-4 of the specification, of the above-captioned application;

An article by REN et al., entitled "Integration of Mobile IP and Multi-Protocol Label Switching," published in IEEE 2001, pp. 2123-2127. Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 2-4 of the specification, of the above-caption application;

An article by KIM et al., entitled "Mobility-Aware MPLS in IP-based Wireless Access Networks," published in IEEE 2001, pp. 3444-3448. Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 2-4 of the specification, of the above-caption application;

U.S. Patent No. 6,119,004 to YAMADA et al., which issued on September 12, 2000; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,628,630 to NAGASE, which issued on September 30, 2003.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted journal articles and foreign patent are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any

fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted, Ichiro TAKEI et al.

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